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From: Director of Naval Intelligence  
To: Director of Central Intelligence (Assistant Director for Operations)  
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1. By reference (a), which forwarded information regarding the coverage provided by the Saigon and Okinawa Bureaus of the Foreign Broadcast Information Division, the Office of Naval Intelligence was requested to express an opinion as to the value of the services furnished by the Saigon Bureau.
2. The Office of Naval Intelligence is unable to identify the FBIS Bureau supplying the major portion of the useful material received regarding developments in the Indochina area. However, while it is believed that some overlap of coverage exists between the Saigon and Okinawa Bureaus, the material from both Bureaus has been of value to the Office of Naval Intelligence. The most useful material presently received involves news and verbatim texts of official decrees, plans and announcements from Hanoi, which do not necessarily comprise the bulk of the material originating in that city. There have been received from Hanoi, through the FBIS, many useful items of all types which are available from no other source, a good example being the mention of arrivals and departures of Soviet and Chinese advisers and workers.
3. The Office of Naval Intelligence, while not in a position to make recommendations concerning the operations of the FBIS, desires to receive, in the same quantity and quality currently available, continued coverage of the official statements of the four governments involved in the Indochina area.

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